

MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

Conference with Col. W. C. Baird, Chief, Policy and Plans (OIN-3)
(29 July 1953)

1. Col. Baird observed that ORR undoubtedly is better staffed to produce basic intelligence on industries, rail nets, maps, etc. than any other intelligence agency. In so far as possible Air Targets (OIN-3) in his view, should focus its effort on the refinements of the data and upon target problems. He emphasized the function of ORR as a service of common concern in the field of basic economic intelligence.

2. With regard to general summaries of ORR reports, Col. Baird thought that the customers themselves possibly would be better able to make such summaries to meet their particular needs. In his view the most useful service of ORR is the production of detailed basic intelligence referred to in para. 1 above.

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